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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL CALENDAR FOR POPPY IN TURKEY

FOLLOWING IS AGRICULTURAL CALENDAR WHICH QUENTIN JONES HAS
PREPAED TO FLAG IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT IN
MIND AS UN PROCEEDS.

1. OCTOBER-NOVEMBER: SOWING; EMERGENCE OF SEEDLINGS.
2. NOV., DEC., JAN., FEB., MARCH: PLANTSOVER-WINTER IN
ROSETTE STAGE (SMALL LEAVES, NO STEM ELONGATION), USUALLY
COVERED BY SNOW FROM ABOUT MID-DECEMBER TO MID-MARCH. IF
SNOW COVERED, THE PLANTS SURVIVE THE WINTER IN GOOD SHAPE.
3. LATE MARCH, EARLY APRIL: PLANTS RESUME GROWTH, WINTER
KILLING IS ASSESSED. IF IT HAS BEEN A COLD WINTER AND
LITTLE OR NO SNOW COVER, REPLANTING OR FILL-IN PLANTING WILL
LIKELY BE NECESSARY. ACTUAL PLANTED HECTARAGE CAN BE DETER-
MINED. GUARANTEED PRICE SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED TO FARMERS
NO LATER THAN 1 APRIL. AIR AND GROUND SURVEILLANCE
BEGINS.
4. APRIL-MAY: PLANTS MAKE RAPID GROWTH AS SOIL
TEMPERATURES GO UP. BY MID-APRIL A GOOD PREDICTION CAN

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BE MADE ON CROP YIELDS. ILLICIT BUYERS ARE MAKING

"CONTRACTS".

5. MID-MAY-EARLY JUNE: FLOWERING IN PROGRESS. SOMETIMES SEVERAL WEEKS EARLIER IF THERE IS A WARM EARLY SPRING. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUES.

6. LATE-MAY-MID JUNE: INCISION PERIOD. WILL BEGIN ABOUT 2 WEEKS AFTER FIRST FLOWERING. INTENSIVE AIR AND GROUND SURVEILLANCE. ALL FIELDS ARE CHECKED FOR INCISION.

7. LATE-JUNE-MID JULY: HARVEST OF DRY, RIPE CAPSULES WITH FULLY MATURE SEEDS. SAMPLES FOR MORPHINE ASSAY ARE COLLECTED AND ANALYSIS IS BEGUN.

8. LATE JULY: DELIVERY OF CAPSULES TO TMO IS COMPLETED AND FARMERS HAVE BEEN PAID GUARANTEED PRICE PROVIDING CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET. MORPHINE ANALYSES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

9. AUGUST-SEPTEMBER: CAPSULES ARE EXPORTED ACCORDING TO SALES CONTRACTS.

10. OCTOBER: TOTAL SALES RECEIPTS ARE COMPARED WITH TOTAL PAID TO FARMERS TO DETERMINE IF GOT HAS ANY CLAIM ON STANDBY FUND.DALE

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